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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/15/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues with respect to claims 1 and 25 that the combination of Weale in view of Guidash does not teach or suggest storing charge from the same integration period at two separate storage nodes.

However, reading the claimed limitation in the broadest sense, Weale teaches wherein the charges from the same image capture cycle are stored at two separate storage nodes. Weale uses the vocabulary "integration period" to describe separate time periods within a single image capture cycle. The "image capture cycle" of Weale is construed as the "integration period" taught in the instant application. Therefore, rejections of claims 1 and 25 are sustained.

The rejections for independent claims 11, 24, 33, and 36 and dependent claims 2-10, 12-23, 26-32, 34, 35, 37-45 are sustained as noted in the discussions of claims 1 and 25 above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHIA-WEI A. CHEN whose telephone number is (571)270-1707. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 17:00 EST.

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